

GEOLOGY

The bedrock at the Holman Conservation Area includes a variety of metamorphic rocks including metamorphosed sandstone of Silurian age (420-430 million years old) and younger gneiss.

Following the retreat of the last great ice sheet about 14,000 years ago, the sea temporarily covered this area and left thick deposits of glacial-marine mud and marine deposits. The marine deposits are mostly glacial sand and silt deposits. The coarse materials were extensively excavated for construction materials.

EARLY SETTLERS - ROBINSONS



The first settlers on what is now the Helen Holman property were the family of David Robinson, Jr. and his wife Sara (Malcom) Robinson. They

came from Topsham in 1784 and soon established themselves as one of the prominent families of Litchfield.

The present Holman residence was built by David's son, John, who lived on the property for 85 years. John not only built a prosperous farm, he served the town in many capacities including as a Representative in the State Legislature. Upon his death, the property passed to his daughter Ellen and her husband George H. Berry. The Robinson family cemetery is across the road.

TRAILS



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The extensive trail network at the Holman Conservation Area is available for hiking, cross-country skiing,

and mountain biking.

Meadow Brook Trail: This one mile trail starts from the sign-in box. At the intersection, bear left to stay on the Meadow Brook Trail.

Beaver Meadow Trail: Stay straight at the intersection with the Meadow Brook Trail to take the one-mile Beaver Meadow Trail.

Pond Trail: Bear right at the intersection with the Meadow Brook Trail to take the 0.2 mile Pond Trail.

Please respect wildlife, landowners, and

PARTIAL LIST OF BIRD SPECIES

Canada Goose	Chipping Sparrow
Wild Turkey	Song Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	White-throated Sparrow
Red-shouldered Hawk	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
American Kestrel	Indigo Bunting
Killdeer	Bobolink
Spotted Sandpiper	Red-winged Blackbird
Belted Kingfisher	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
Northern Flicker	
Tree Swallow	
Barn Swallow	
Nashville Warbler	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	
Magnolia Warbler	
Black-and-white Warbler	
Ovenbird	
Common Yellowthroat	



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Litchfield Conservation Lands

The 75-acre Holman Conservation Area is part of a much larger undeveloped landscape in Litchfield. KLT's 117-acre Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area and the 250-acre Small-Burnham Conservation Area are north and west, and lands owned and protected by the Town are nearby.

Connected open spaces help define the character of Litchfield. These lands are valuable recreation areas, protect scenic and historical resources, and provide wildlife habitat, especially important for those species with extensive home ranges.



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A full listing of Kennebec Land Trust properties and their recreational uses, and an interactive map with directions, can be found at our website:

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KLT HOLMAN CONSERVATION AREA LITCHFIELD, MAINE

75 Acre Conservation Easement
Donated to KLT in 2011
Land Owner: Helen Holman



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The **Kennebec Land Trust** (KLT) works cooperatively with landowners and communities to conserve the forests, lakes, streams, wetlands, fields, and wildlife that help define central Maine.

KLT protects and stewards land permanently, offers access to conserved properties, provides opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy the natural world, and works with partners to support sustainable forestry and farming. Our properties feature 50 miles of trails for everyone.

**WELCOME TO
KENNEBEC LAND TRUST'S
HOLMAN
CONSERVATION AREA**
We hope you enjoy your visit !



In May, 2011, Helen Holman donated a 75-acre conservation easement to KLT that features early successional woodlands and wetlands with valuable wildlife habitat bordered by Maggoty Meadow Brook.

Since purchasing this land in 2005, Helen has filled and leveled gravel pits and worked to restore a landscape where timber, gravel, and loam had been removed. Former gravel pits are now dominated by grey birch (*Betula populifolia*), white birch (*Betula papyrifera*), quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*), and balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) in the uplands, and northern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*) and balsam fir in the wetlands.

Helen still owns the property. Her conservation easement with KLT protects important wildlife habitat and other natural resources, grants public access for low impact recreational activities, and prohibits residential and commercial development.

WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE

The floodplain, forested, and emergent wetlands in the Holman Conservation Area provide excellent wildlife habitat for beaver, and many species of mammals, fish, and birds. Beavers frequently dam and flood the banks of Maggoty Meadow Brook. Most of Litchfield's brooks bear the name of a family who resided near the brook, Maggoty Meadow is an exception and the name's origin is a mystery.

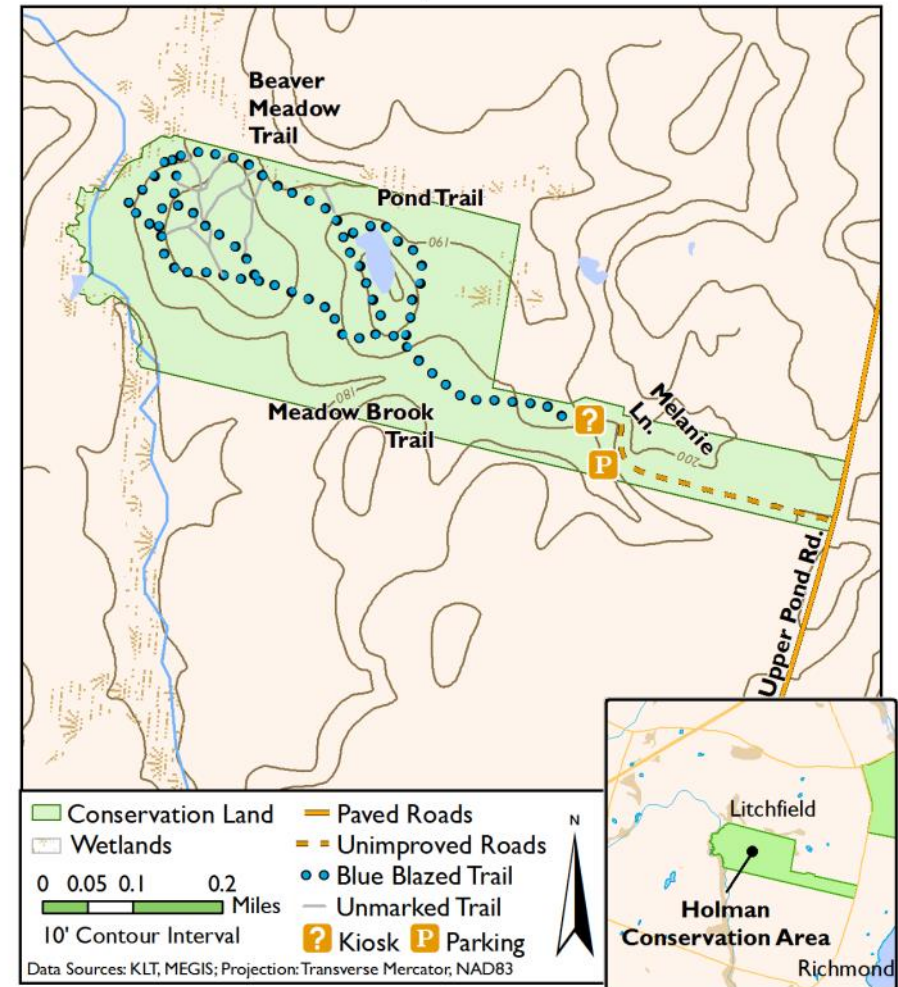


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WHY MAGGOTY MEADOW BROOK ?

It is, in fact, a beautiful brook which belies the usual meaning of "maggoty". Much of its course lies between two of Litchfield's oldest roads— Small and Upper Pond Roads. The brook did provide water, and likely was a source of meadow hay for cattle. Early farmers would have harvested this nutritious native grass before forested lands had been cleared for upland hay fields.

Holman Conservation Area, Litchfield



Public uses: This KLT conservation easement is open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and other low impact non-motorized recreation, including nature observation, and bicycling. **Land owner permission is required for hunting. No ATV's are permitted. Public access** is from Melanie Lane, a private road off of Upper Pond Road. The public can drive on Melanie Lane. After approximately 1,300 feet look for a KLT sign and registration box with trail maps. **Winter access: Park on Melanie Lane at the end of plowed section of the road.**

Directions from Gardiner area: Take Rt. 201 south from Gardiner. Just over 3 miles south of the Rt. 295 interchange, turn right onto Thorofare Road. Turn left on the Plains Road. Travel about 0.25 miles and take a left on Upper Pond Road. After ~ 0.5 miles, take a right onto Melanie Lane. A KLT sign and registration box is about 0.2 of a mile from Upper Pond Road. **From Lewiston area:** Take Rt. 126 toward Gardiner. Just past Waterman Farm Machinery, turn right onto Rt. 197. At Litchfield Corner (watch for the Brick School on the right), turn left onto the Hollowell Road. Turn right onto the Plains Road, passing the Fairgrounds on the left. Pass over the Turnpike and turn right on the Upper Pond Road; after ~ 0.5 miles turn right on to Melanie Lane.